

In the Specification:

On page 4, lines 2-10, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph.

A1
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A marked-up version of the above paragraph that shows the above changes is set forth below:

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In the Claims:

Please ~~amend~~ the claims consistent with the following set of clean claims.

1. (amended) A system for providing electronic security for an internal resource

A2
cm + capable of communicating via an external communications network, the system comprising: